

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 576

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Willie E. Slate on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Willie E. Slate is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after forty-three years of positively influencing young lives in the classroom and beyond, Mrs. Slate is taking a much deserved retirement this year, leaving behind a legacy that will resound forever in Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slate is a product of Memphis City Schools, and she graduated from Mitchell High School; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator working towards the betterment of her community in a variety of roles, Mrs. Slate has been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, consultant, and director; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional association which brings together educators to collaborate and inspire one another; and

WHEREAS, Wille E. Slate has worked closely on the improvement of Career and Technical Education, serving on the West Tennessee Career and Technical Board of Directors as well as serving on the Tennessee State Council for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, her determination and experience with Career and Technical Education has earned her many awards and accolades, including the State Trailblazer Award for Career and Technical Award in 2008, Career and Technical Education Director of the Year in 2009, and the

Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year in 2013; she was also a national finalist for the National Career and Technical Education Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slate's commitment to her community expands beyond her dedication to education, and she has served as secretary for Local Workforce Investment Board LWIA-13; and

WHEREAS, for many years she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Mr. Vassar Slate, before his passing; and

WHEREAS, residing in the Bunker Hill community of Memphis, Mrs. Slate is a devoted member of St. Matthews Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slate exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Willie E. Slate truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Willie E. Slate our heartfelt thanks for her contributions to the education of future generations, and wishes her every continued success in her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.